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COMPONENTS OF A DATA STORAGE  
SYSTEM AND METHOD OF  
ASSEMBLY THEREFOR

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 26, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-7, 9-15, 21-23 and 25 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) An apparatus for assembling <sup>C</sup>components of a data storage device comprising:

a frame;

a carousel base rotationally coupled to the frame;

a carousel coupling device to removably <sup>C</sup>couple a component carousel including a plurality of assembly components to the carousel base;

an assembly arm movably coupled to the frame; and